

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
September 23, 2016

LAST WEEK:

Dow AgroSciences FIFRA CAFO: We filed a CAFO to settle an administrative penalty action against Dow AgroSciences LLP. The alleged FIFRA violations included importing two shipments of a pesticide product that did not comply with the FIFRA labeling requirements. The CAFO requires Respondent to pay a civil penalty of \$15,000. Contact: David Kim, ORC, 415-972-3882.

Mid Valley Agricultural Services, Inc., FIFRA CAFO: We filed a CAFO to settle an administrative penalty action against Mid Valley Agricultural Services, Inc. for violating FIFRA by improperly storing and labeling pesticide products at its facilities in Linden and Hughson, California. The CAFO requires Respondent to pay a civil penalty of \$76,240. Contact: David Kim,

Tucson International Airport Area (TIAA) Superfund Site Wins Environmental Award: The TIAA site received two first-place awards at Arizona Forward's 36th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards. The site was recognized for its Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) project in the Energy and Technology Innovation category and was also recognized in the Environmental Stewardship category. The AOP technology treats groundwater as part of a system that produces up to 8 million gallons of purified water per day and serves as a model for other sites dealing with the same contaminants. <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/new-media-release-2>. (Contact: Mary Aycock, x2-3289)

Actions Regarding San Joaquin Valley's Failure to Attain the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter Standards: We issued a final rule to deny the California Air Resources Board and San Joaquin Valley Air District's request to extend the attainment deadline for the 1997 PM_{2.5} standard beyond December 31, 2015. We also issued a proposal finding that the SJV failed to attain the 1997 PM_{2.5} standards by that deadline. (Contact: Rory Mays, 2-3227)

Staff Deployed to Wildfires: Under an Interagency Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service, we deployed two Air Division staff, for two weeks each, as Air Resource Advisors to wildfires in the Region. One was deployed on September 10, to the Soberanes fire on the central California coast. Another was deployed on September 23, to the Fulton Fire in Payson, Arizona. As Air Resource Advisors, their assignment is to monitor and report on the public health effects of wildfire smoke to local communities. (Contacts: Kathleen Stewart 7-4119)

Status of Grant Actions: Deliberative Process (b) (5)

California SRF Grant Funds Awarded: We awarded \$174 million to the SWRCB to capitalize its SRF programs (\$96 million for CWSRF and \$78 million for DWSRF). (Amaris, 2-3597; Licata, 2-3450).

Bi-National Meeting on Border Desalination: The San Diego Border Office hosted a tour for 14 Mexican government officials at the Carlsbad Desalination Facility. The purpose of the meeting was to highlight key environmental issues, including impacts, risks, and permits that should be considered before construction begins at the proposed desalination facility in Rosarito, Mexico (14 miles south of San Diego). If constructed, this would be the largest desalination facility in the western hemisphere; the plant would provide half of the estimated 100 million gallon per day production to the Otay Water District (California). (Liden, 5-4763)

Revising Water Quality Standards in San Joaquin River and South Delta: On September 15th the SWRCB released [revised draft water quality standards](#) that would establish flow criteria for the Lower San Joaquin River as well as its three major tributaries, Stanislaus, Merced, and Tuolumne, and relax salinity standards in the South Delta. The flow requirements are intended to protect salmon. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Cabrera-Stagno, 2-3434)

Eliminating Diesel Generators in the Manu'a Islands: We awarded \$70,000 in Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) funds to the American Samoa Power Authority to further the goal of making American Samoa's Manu'a Islands fossil fuel free. The project will fully eliminate the use of diesel powered generators on the islands of Ta'u, Ofu and Olesaga and replace them with repowered electric engines. These engines, coupled with battery storage, are charged 100% from renewable photovoltaic and wind energy. (Wolfram, x2-3027)

THIS WEEK:

Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

Three UIC/LCC Cases with Agencies in Hawaii:

Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

(J. Shareem, x2-3095).

Western Brownfields Workshop (San Francisco, CA): Brownfields programs in Regions 8, 9 and 10 are hosting a two-day workshop on brownfields revitalization September 28-29 in San Francisco. The workshop will focus on leveraging resources, promoting infill development, protecting public health, adapting to climate change, revitalizing tribal lands and managing grants. More than 275 are registered. (Contact: Noemi Emeric-Ford, x4-1821)

California Emissions Inventory for 2008 Ozone:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Contact: Nancy Levin, 2-3848)

Ozone Clean Data Determination for San Luis Obispo:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Contact: Nancy Levin, 2-3848)

McElmo Creek Unit Oil Production Facility PSD Permit, Navajo Nation: **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Shaheerah Kelly: 7-4156)

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Arizona Infrastructure State Implementation Plan (SIP): Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Contact: John Ungvarsky, 2-3963)

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities in California on Tribal Lands: Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Contact: Lisa Beckham, 2-3811)

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

Hawaii SRF Grant Funds: Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Polanco, 1-2722)

Guam MS4 Permits Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Bromley, 2-3510)